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Reply to Office Action of 11/30/2005

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Remarks

This amendment is in response to the November 30th, Office Action. Claim 20 was allowed because the prior art of record failed to teach or suggest a tree tagging system wherein a first tag is inserted into a harvested portion of a tree and a second tag is inserted into a stump portion that is not harvested such that tags match one another.

Applicant would like to clarify that the tags to not have to completely match one another, just that there be at least some matching information.

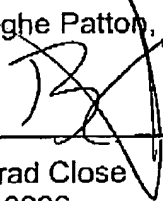
Based on the allowable subject matter, Applicant has amended all independent claims to contain the above limitations. Because the limitations of "making a hole," "mature," and "minimal visual/physiological effect" were not considered by the examiner to be necessary for patentability, these limitations have been removed from the independent claims.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are now allowable and requests a timely notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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